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APPLICANT: BOCQUIER, François

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ANIMALS

RESPONSE "A"

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 2, 2009, a response being due by March 2, 2009, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits the present Response "A" in a revised format in response to the Office communication of February 2, 2009. The document has been re-named as "Response A" instead of "Amendment A". It is not an amendment. The claims are not amended. The rejections about bad format of amendments does not apply because no amendments are made. Applicant respectfully contends that the present response is now in compliance with the required restriction practice under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372. The present response has been sent before expiration of the shortened statutory period for a response such that a fee for extension of time is not currently due.

The Response is proper, even though no claim amendments are presented herein. Applicant